Dalton Officials Have Released the Town's Revised Community Choice Power Supply Program Aggregation Plan

On October 16, 2013, the Town of Dalton filed with the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) a petition for approval of its Aggregation Plan pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134. The DPU docketed the Town's original petition as D.P.U. 13-136. On July 2, 2014, the DPU issued an Order approving the Town's Aggregation Plan, concluding that it was consistent with the requirements established in M.G.L. c. 164, § 134. Under the Town's existing Aggregation Plan, the Town has established a Community Choice Power Supply Program in which the Town aggregates the load of electric consumers located within the Town's borders in order to procure competitive supply of electricity for Program participants. Eligible consumers are automatically enrolled in the Program unless they choose to opt-out. The Town retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. (CPG) as a consultant to assist in the design, implementation, and administration of the Plan and Program.

The Town of Dalton's revised Aggregation Plan remains consistent with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 164, § 134. The revised Plan addresses the required provisions for organizational structure, operations, funding, activating and terminating the Plan, methods for entering and terminating agreements, rate setting and other costs to participants, universal access, equitable treatment of ratepayers, reliability, and rights and responsibilities of participants. The revised Plan, similar to other Community Choice Power Supply Programs administered by CPG, incorporates several innovative features that best address these requirements in the context of the objectives of the Town. Pursuant to the DPU's Order in D.P.U. 14-100, *City of Lowell's Revised Municipal Aggregation Plan* (March 2, 2015), the Town has distributed the revised Plan for public review prior to submitting it to the DPU.

Basic Service rates change twice a year or more, depending on rate class. As a result, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than the Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the Program against Eversource Basic Service. However, such savings and future savings cannot be guaranteed.

Public Review and Comment Period

The Town of Dalton's Aggregation Plan is available for public review and comment from **Monday, June 15, 2020, at 9 a.m.** through **Friday, July 3, 2020, at 5:00 p.m**.

Any person who desires to comment may submit written comments using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail to KWalto@dalton-ma.gov; or (2) by postal mail to the address below.

Comments must be clearly marked **Town of Dalton's Aggregation Plan** and must be received (not postmarked) by the end of the comment period in order to be addressed.

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Any questions pertaining to this should be directed to Ken Walto, Town Manager at (413) 684-6111 ext. 12.

Click here to read the Town of Dalton's Aggregation Plan.